

# Montana Communities with 1970 population of 2,000 or more

# County Employment Pattern (4)

CITY		COUNTY		TRANSPORTATION					PROGRAMS					TAXES(2)		COUNTY		ALL COVERED				CONTRACT				TRANS., COMM., & PUBLIC UTILITIES (3)				WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE				FINANCE, INSURANCE				SERVICE INDUSTRIES				
				Distance to Airports		Freight Service		Does City have.....		In City								INDUSTRY		CONSTRUCTION		MANUFACTURING		PUBLIC UTILITIES (3)		RETAIL TRADE		REAL ESTATE		INDUSTRIES AND MISC.												
Location	Name	Population	Name	Population	Comm. Plane	Light Railroad	Major Service(1)	Trucklines	Major Highways	Comprehensive Plan?	Zoning Ordinances?	Industrial Sites?	Development Corporation?	Actual Tax Paid Per \$1000 of Marketable Value	Natural Resources in Area	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	Em-employ-ers	Work-ers	NAME								
S C	Billings	61,581	Yellowstone	87,367	2 mt. 2 mi.	BN,M	10	1-94,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	\$27.48	Coal,oil	Yellowstone	2,275	19,822	49	290	257	1,557	84	2,841	126	1,681	910	8,663	205	1,321	644	3,469	Billings										
C	Great Falls	60,091	Cascade	81,804	4 mi. 4 mi.	BN,M	6	1-15,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	30.96	Iron ore,coal	Cascade	1,645	15,548	6	41	200	1,506	52	2,625	77	1,123	677	6,435	165	1,263	468	2,555	Great Falls										
W C	Missoula	29,497	Missoula	58,263	5 mi. 5 mi.	BN,M	5	1-90,US-93	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	30.72	Timber	Missoula	1,368	12,430	6	6	191	977	95	3,253	87	951	475	4,499	120	622	384	2,122	Missoula										
S W	Butte	23,368	Silver Bow	41,981	4 mi. 4 mi.	BN,M,C,UP	4	1-90,US-91	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	29.04	Minerals,timber	Silver Bow	885	9,590	9	3,443	81	423	35	625	33	454	404	3,020	76	444	247	1,181	Butte										
C	Helena	22,730	Lewis & Clark	33,281	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN	8	1-15,US-12	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	31.92	Timber,minerals	Lewis & Clark	843	6,895	10	15	98	664	40	907	28	931	319	2,209	84	824	264	1,345	Helena										
S C	Bozeman	18,670	Gallatin	32,505	10 mi.10 mi.	BN,M	3	1-90,US-191	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	28.44	Timber,asbestos	Gallatin	770	4,902	1	16	84	409	61	863	32	216	298	1,996	45	337	249	1,065	Bozeman										
N C	Havre	10,558	Hill	17,358	2 mt. 2 mi.	BN	1	US-1,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	31.92	Natural gas	Hill	354	2,361	2	12	40	136	12	161	20	210	157	1,193	29	160	94	489	Havre										
N W	Kalispell	10,526	Flathead	39,460	8 mi. 2 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	24.84	Timber,minerals	Flathead	995	7,767	5	33	97	375	128	3,207	62	435	384	2,446	58	359	261	912	Kalispell										
S W	Anaconda	9,771	Ober Lodge	15,652	30 mi. 2 mi.	BA,UP	3	US-10A	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	28.68	Timber	Ober Lodge	221	3,209	2	398	24	108	7	1,744	10	72	110	606	18	106	50	175	Anaconda										
S E	Miles City	9,023	Custer	12,174	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN,M	1	1-94,US-312	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	25.68	Coal	Custer	335	2,176	6	22	50	255	7	98	19	196	133	1,048	24	120	96	437	Miles City										
S C	Livingston	6,883	Park	11,197	35 mi. 5 mi.	BN	4	1-90,US-89	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	27.12	Coal,timber	Park	311	1,641	--	--	23	121	20	282	11	110	137	612	21	159	99	357	Livingston										
C	Lewistown	6,437	Fergus	12,611	1 mi. 1 mi.	BN,M	2	US-87,US-191	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	26.88	Timber,Gypsum	Fergus	348	1,709	6	14	40	200	18	147	16	93	160	794	28	110	80	351	Lewistown										
E	Glenndive	6,305	Dawson	11,269	8 mi. 8 mi.	BN	3	1-94,US-10	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	27.28	Oil,gas,coal	Dawson	271	2,059	20	192	37	168	8	87	17	400	102	766	19	105	68	331	Glenndive										
N E	Glasgow	4,700	Valley	11,471	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN	1	US-2	Yes	Yes	1	No	26.04	Natural gas,oil	Valley	264	1,913	1	8	41	174	8	631	15	138	129	688	13	97	57	177	Glasgow										
S W	Oillon	4,548	Beaverhead	8,187	65 mi. 2 mi.	UP	2	1-15,US-91	No	Yes	1	No	23.64	Talc,minerals	Beaverhead	205	854	9	15	22	42	7	46	10	65	96	472	9	48	52	166	Oillon										
E C	Sidney	2,543	Richland	9,837	1 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	Mont-200, Mont-16	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	22.08	Petroleum	Richland	239	1,519	10	37	42	99	11	251	13	107	100	644	13	90	50	291	Sidney										
S C	Laurel	4,454	Yellowstone	87,367	15 mi. 1 mi.	BN	6	1-90,US-310	No	Yes	1	No	27.48	Gas,oil	Yellowstone	2,275	19,822	49	290	257	1,557	84	2,841	126	1,681	910	8,663	205	1,321	644	3,469	Laurel										
S W	Ober Lodge	4,306	Powell	6,660	35 mi. 1 mi.	BN,M	2	1-90	Yes	Yes	1	No	28.92	Metals,timber	Powell	122	733	5	110	6	14	225	5	20	49	239	7	44	36	89	Ober Lodge											
N W	Cut Bank	4,004	Glacier	10,783	110 mi. 3 mi.	BN	1	US-12	Yes	Yes	1	No	20.76	Oil,gas	Glacier	290	1,687	23	154	29	142	7	61	14	114	138	619	10	65	69	532	Cut Bank										
N W	Whitefish	3,349	Flathead	39,460	9 mi. 9 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	No	26.52	Timber	Flathead	995	7,767	5	33	97	375	128	3,207	62	435	384	2,446	58	359	261	912	Whitefish										
N W	Libby	3,286	Lincoln	18,063	100 mi. 3 mi.	BN	2	US-2	Yes	Yes	2	No	26.88	Timber	Lincoln	396	3,960	6	263	7	1,066	75	1,607	18	123	139	597	11	65	80	239	Libby										
N W	Shelby	3,111	Toole	5,839	88 mi. 2 mi.	BN	1	1-15,US-2	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	26.88	Natural gas,oil	Toole	224	1,061	36	111	16	139	7	64	16	161	97	377	8	42	44	167	Shelby										
N E	Wolf Point	3,095	Roosevelt	10,365	3 mi. 3 mi.	BN	2	US-2, Mont-13	No	Yes	1	Yes	27.69	Oil,coal	Roosevelt	235	1,065	10	39	13	219	7	33	9	64	138	540	10	71	48	257	Wolf Point										
N C	Conrad	2,770	Pondera	6,611	60 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	1-15	Yes	Yes	1	No	21.36	Oil,gas	Pondera	167	794	8	28	24	156	5	24	10	34	75	395	8	52	37	105	Conrad										
S C	Hardin	2,773	Big Horn	10,057	50 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	1-90, Mont-47	Yes	Yes	1	No	20.04	Natural gas	Big Horn	199	1,034	5	50	22	81	7	238	15	58	95	413	13	58	42	136	Hardin										
N E	Columbia Falls	2,652	Flathead	39,460	8 mi. 8 mi.	BN	3	US-2	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	23.76	Timber	Flathead	995	7,767	5	33	97	375	128	3,207	62	435	384	2,446	58	359	261	912	Columbia Falls										
S W	Baker	2,584	Fallon	4,050	80 mi. 1 mi.	M	2	US-12, Mont-7	Yes	No	1	Yes	23.04	Oil,natural gas	Fallon	120	562	7	96	14	41	5	20	11	100	55	206	7	41	21	58	Baker										
S W	Hamilton	2,499	Ravalli	14,409	47 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	No	1	Yes	29.40	Timber	Ravalli	322	1,503	3	14	32	45	40	414	31	111	121	561	18	89	77	269	Hamilton										
N W	Polson	2,464	Lake	14,465	50 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	Yes	3	No	26.76	Timber	Lake	285	1,295	--	--	30	133	18	342	12	51	138	519	18	74	69	176	Polson										
N W	Plentywood	2,301	Sheridan	5,779	85 mi. 1 mi.	BN	1	Mont-5, Mont-16	No	Yes	1	No	22.92	Oil	Sheridan	122	604	8	30	16	242	4	17	9	37	8	42	7	77	77	77	Plentywood										
N E	Malta	2,195	Phillips	5,386	70 mi. 1 mi.	BN	1	US-2,US-191	No	Yes	1	No	23.04	Santonite,natural gas	Phillips	120	462	3	15	16	21	4	25	8	40	63	251	3	22	23	98	Malta										
C	Roundup	2,116	Musselshell	5,734	45 mi. 1 mi.	M	2	US-12,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	22.56	Coal,timber	Musselshell	115	503	14	132	7	10	11	32	5	18	48	201	8	34	22	76	Roundup										

(1) Montana's rail services are indicated above by the following:

BN--Burlington Northern N-M-Niwaukee Road  
UP--Union Pacific BA--Butte, Anaconda & Pacific

(2) Property is divided into ten classes for taxation purposes. In Montana, most nonrenties are assessed at approximately 4% of their true and full value. This is further reduced, depending on which class applies (3% for land, buildings, and equipment) was used above to reach a taxable value which was multiplied by the applicable mill levy.

(3) Interstate Railroads not included

(4) Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry

## AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Mining	\$9,047	\$8,474	\$7,930	\$7,497	\$7,197	\$6,764	\$6,578	\$6,314	\$6,316
Construction	9,205	8,491	7,873	7,709	7,167	7,006	6,485	6,414	6,583
Manufacturing	7,626	7,187	6,881	6,508	6,373	6,147	5,911	5,615	5,572
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	7,803	7,358	7,036	6,630	6,397	6,017	5,871	5,636	5,405
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	5,152	4,882	4,694	4,485	4,337	4,202	4,074	3,953	3,890
Fin., Ins. & Real Estate	6,489	6,132	5,924	5,634	5,350	5,125	4,867	4,694	4,504
Ser. & Misc.	4,220	3,945	3,746	3,523	3,304	3,299	3,177	3,136	3,086
All Covered Industries	6,320	5,948	5,689	5,428	5,253	5,097	4,903	4,759	4,724

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry

## A Few Facts About Montana

Montana averages 500 miles long by nearly 300 miles wide. It contains 147,000 sq. miles of area and it is the 4th largest state in the United States. Its northern border extends 1/3 of the distance across the United States. The western one-third of Montana is mountainous while the eastern two-thirds consists of plains broken by isolated mountain groups.

Elevations vary from a high of 12,800 ft. in southcentral Montana to a low of about 1,000 ft. at both the eastern and western borders where the rivers leave the State. The average elevation of Montana is about 3,400 ft. and this is the lowest of all the Rocky Mountain States.

Montana has four major rivers: The Missouri, the Yellowstone, the Clark Fork, and the Kootenai. The combined average annual flow of water leaving the State from these rivers is 42,000,000 acre-feet.

Precipitation varies from a minimum of only 6-8 inches per year to a maximum of 120 inches per year at a location in Glacier National Park. The average precipitation for the State is 15 inches per year. Most of Montana's cities are located in areas which receive less than 17 inches of precipitation per year.

Montana's winters are usually milder than those of several metropolitan cities in the Midwest. The State's average maximum daytime temperature in January is +29°F. However, wide fluctuations in temperature are not uncommon.

Montana's population is 694,409 people. This is less than five persons per sq. mile. However, 1/3 of Montana's population resides in it's six largest cities.

Montana has nine senior colleges and universities. Six are State supported and three are private institutions. In addition, there are three community junior colleges and six vo-tech schools of which five are state supported and one is locally supported. Approximately 43 percent of Montana's eligible college-age youths are enrolled in these institutions of higher learning. Total college enrollment in Montana is approximately 28,000 students.

Four airline companies (Northwest Airlines, Western Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and Hughes Air West) provide commercial service to the State.

Montana's major sources of basic income are: Agriculture (crops & livestock marketed, plus government payments, 1969) - \$610,000,000; Value added by Manufacturing (1968) - \$552,000,000; Minerals Produced (1969) - \$310,000,000; and Tourism (out-of-state visitors, 1970) - \$148,000,000.

The total average number of people employed in Montana in 1970 was 282,000. Included in this total were 52,400 in government, 48,200 in wholesale/retail trade, 33,200 in agriculture, 33,500 in services, 25,600 in manufacturing, 10,900 in contract construction, 8,100 in finance/insurance/real estate; and 6,700 in mining.

## Average Hourly Earnings Range

### 10 Largest Communities (5)

	Unskilled	Semi-skilled	Skilled
Male:	\$1.60-3.22	\$2.35-4.13	\$3.70-6.30
Female:	1.42-212-	1.89-2.78	2.33-3.37

Source: Local Chambers of Commerce

32 Reasons to Check MONTANA

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